

Percentage distribution of 1999–2000 undergraduates among those with a declared major, by field of study

Student characteristics	Arts and humanities	Social/ behavioral sciences	Life sciences	Physical sciences	Math	Computer/ information science	Engineering	Education	Business/ management	Health	Vocational/ technical	Other technical/ professional
Total	17.6	9.2	5.2	1.2	0.8	8.6	5.6	8.1	18.6	10.2	5.1	10.0
Gender												
Male	16.6	7.6	5.4	1.6	0.9	12.6	10.8	4.4	18.6	4.1	9.4	8.2
Female	18.3	10.4	5.0	0.9	0.7	5.6	1.6	10.9	18.6	14.9	1.8	11.3
Race/ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	18.6	9.5	5.4	1.4	0.8	7.6	5.5	8.9	18.0	10.1	5.1	9.4
Black, non-Hispanic	11.8	8.6	3.4	0.6	0.5	10.4	4.2	8.4	19.1	14.5	5.8	12.8
Hispanic*	18.0	8.4	4.5	0.8	0.6	7.8	6.3	6.9	20.4	8.5	6.3	11.8
Asian	17.3	8.1	8.2	1.6	0.9	18.3	7.8	1.9	21.0	6.7	1.9	6.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	17.7	8.7	6.0	1.0	1.6	9.0	5.4	7.7	17.6	8.8	4.6	11.9
Native Hawaiian/ other Pacific Islander	23.9	9.4	8.2	0.4	1.8	6.9	8.1	2.4	15.8	10.4	4.5	8.4
Other	16.9	10.2	6.0	0.9	0.4	14.0	7.1	4.4	22.9	6.7	3.2	7.3
Age												
18 or younger	20.6	9.2	6.5	1.6	1.1	6.3	6.3	7.8	16.2	8.8	5.1	10.5
19–23 years	18.4	11.3	6.5	1.4	0.8	6.4	5.7	8.3	18.1	8.6	4.2	10.3
24–29 years	17.3	7.3	4.7	1.0	0.7	9.8	6.0	7.5	17.7	11.7	5.6	10.8
30–39 years	14.5	6.2	2.8	0.7	0.7	12.5	4.9	7.5	20.9	13.4	7.2	8.8
40 years or older	16.0	6.2	1.9	0.6	0.5	13.9	4.9	8.8	21.0	12.0	5.8	8.3
Citizenship status												
Foreign born citizen	14.6	6.0	4.2	0.5	0.8	15.6	7.3	6.6	22.1	10.5	4.8	7.3
Citizen, parent(s) foreign born	18.1	9.5	6.4	1.4	0.9	7.2	7.1	5.9	18.9	8.6	6.3	9.7
Other citizens or permanent residents	15.0	9.3	4.9	1.1	0.6	8.3	5.8	9.3	19.1	10.8	5.9	9.7
Foreign student	18.1	11.2	4.6	2.3	1.1	17.2	9.5	2.0	24.0	3.7	1.6	4.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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Student characteristics	Arts and humanities	Social/ behavioral sciences	Life sciences	Physical sciences	Math	Computer/ information science	Engineering	Education	Business/ management	Health	Vocational/ technical	Other technical/ professional
Dependents other than spouse												
None	18.9	10.1	6.1	1.4	0.8	7.8	5.9	7.8	18.1	8.8	4.5	9.7
One or more	14.0	6.6	2.9	0.7	0.6	10.9	4.6	8.8	19.8	14.0	6.7	10.5
Single parent												
No	18.2	9.4	5.6	1.3	0.8	8.4	5.8	8.2	18.3	9.6	5.0	9.6
Yes	13.9	7.4	2.7	0.8	0.7	10.2	4.0	7.2	20.4	14.1	6.1	12.5
Disability and difficulty status												
No disability reported	15.6	9.1	5.2	1.2	0.7	8.3	6.1	8.7	19.4	10.5	5.7	9.5
Some disability reported	17.5	10.8	4.4	0.8	0.5	11.1	4.7	8.5	16.9	8.9	5.4	10.5

*Priority was given to Hispanic ethnicity regardless of race chosen.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:2000).